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FOR: POLYLACTIC ACID COMPOSITE

MATERIAL AND MOLDED BODY

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2004, the period for response having been extended to May 9, 2005, by a Request for Extension of Time filed herewith, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

The Basis for Amendment begins on page 11 of this paper.

The **Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.